



Winter Park
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

And so it begins! With the drop of a ball, the boom of the firework, and a rousing cheer, 2020 becomes 2021! Just like THAT! All at once we begin something new. All at once we embark on a new journey. All at once we're expected to have resolutions and make promises. All at once we're expected to become different people! It's already started! I'm writing this a few days before the New Year strikes and I can't tell you how many commercials I've already seen telling me to get ready for this change. So far, according to the commercials, in order to prepare for this change I need a new car, new clothes, new hair, a new body (because summer is right around the corner). New, new, new! Everything must be new! "New year! New you!" they say.

I get it. There's a lot of hype this year. After the Dumpster Fire that was 2020 we're all excited to move forward, to close the book and start a new one, preferably one that doesn't involve natural disasters, political upheaval, and plagues. In a world where we lack so little control, we instead turn to ourselves. "I can't fix politics," we say, "but I can get a new haircut." "I can't fight forest fires, but I can buy a new car." "I can't cure COVID-19, but I can hit the gym and rid myself of the covid nineteen I gained in quarantine." I get it. Truly, I do. After a year of so many broken dreams, it's fun to let ourselves dare to explore again and consider what might await us in the next 365 days.

But as we spend time dreaming about what the future might look like, let us also spend time thinking about what it won't look like. No, I'm not talking about something physical, in fact I'm talking about the opposite. We spend so much time imagining a future for ourselves. And when we imagine, it's naturally pictures that come to mind, pictures of physical things: house, car, hairstyle, etc. But life is about so much more than just our physical reality. There is so much more to us than what we see on the surface. We are more than just creatures of flesh and bone. We are creatures of the heart, we possess a soul. As we begin to dream about what our realities will look like going forward, I invite you to dream about the things that you can't always see. I invite you to think about parts of yourself that aren't so easily on display for the public. How will you be making yourself better, not just on the outside, but on the inside? Will you be giving to charity this year? Will you be serving at the Homeless Coalition? Will you be sitting at your sewing machine making masks for those who haven't met you? Dedicating your time and talents and treasures to the Church, putting them in to Christ's service?

As we dream about all the wonderful things the future might have to offer us, please take time to ask yourself how you will make your soul new and how you will revive your spirit as God calls us to do in the face of adversity again and again and again. Let us live in to our call to become new, to become better people instead of good consumers. Let us love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our minds, and our souls, and let that lead us to love our neighbors too.

Dream on, People of God. Dream on!

-Pastor Emily



WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who were involved in Living Nativity. If you haven't heard yet, the verdict is in and it was a smash hit! On Saturday, December 19 we hosted well over 250 individuals through our walking tableau tour. Thank you to everyone across the board who helped with traffic or as guides, who acted or fitted youth for costumes, and to the many who tore down and set up sets! It might have looked a bit different this year, but the success of this event is all thanks to you! Special thanks are going out to Frank Jamison for his awesome pictures, to Matt Straub, luminary wrangler and animal management, Doug Reece and Nelson Roe for continuing to be A/V superheroes, Terry Irwin for his vast knowledge of the property, the Seel family for their Candlelight display, and Carolyn Boyle for being the brains of the operation. So much hard work went into this year's Living Nativity and the experience of those we served reflects that! Thank you so much for upholding this tradition, even in the midst of a Pandemic! Below are some pictures of that special night. Check out all the pictures that Frank Jamison took by going to www.winppc.org/photo-archive/.





*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19*

The coming of a new year stirs up thoughts of fresh starts, beginnings. Although the turn of a calendar year is an arbitrary marking of time, it doesn't hurt to take stock once every 365 days, to consider what I wish to leave behind and what I wish to nurture for the future.

Dwelling on regrets too long, however, discourages me from looking forward. Mistakes need to be acknowledged and reparations made, but new reforms can't wait. The start of a new year urges me to move forward.

But move forward in which direction? What route suits my unique set of weaknesses and strengths? If I'm overly ambitious at the outset when choosing goals, I find myself trying to climb a steep slope like a four-cylinder car crawling up a mountain side. My gears start to slip, and I soon face the danger of rolling backward. And experience has repeatedly taught me that unexpected circumstances may challenge and outmatch my abilities. When under duress, I set aside preestablished plans. Doing a few useful things in response to an overwhelming situation is all that I can manage.

Perhaps the key to negotiating both the promises and difficulties of the coming year is coupling self-acceptance with faith in God's promises for the future. All things are ever new in Christ. He guides us through tangled thickets of doubt and confusion. Prayer (communion with God) becomes a stream that quenches our thirst when traveling through badlands.

If the past is any predictor for the future, the coming year will present challenges and quandaries. I will lose my way at times and falter. Good intentions will sometimes fade as I slump back into old habits. But if I turn to God during good times and bad, I'll continue to find refreshment and guidance on my way forward.

-Dennis Schmalstig, WPPC Deacon



*Jinny Barker
6/4/1921 - 6/14/2020*

*Myrtle Crawford
9/16/1920 - 7/4/2020*

*Frank Hellinger
5/14/1930 - 4/2/2020*

*Marti Hicks
5/23/1936 - 5/13/2020*

*James Hollingshead
10/11/1961 - 7/17/2020*

*Lou Hollingshead
9/14/1928 - 12/3/2020*

*Chuck Johnston
2/15/1933 - 4/12/2020*

*Sallie Phillips
8/19/1922 - 2/18/2020*

*Patsy Pulliam
4/2/1941 - 8/21/2020*

*Joan Schwab
11/6/1927 - 8/21/2020*

*Sadie Singleton
3/4/1919 - 5/31/2020*



WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY



A big thank you to a number of church members who recently donated books to the library. We have received a lot of fiction, some biographies, and some religious books. These can be checked out from the narthex, by obtaining a key from the front office, or by coming into the library any Monday morning when an attendant is available to assist you.

Can you find the books of the Bible? They are divided into two parts: Old Testament (39 books) and New Testament (265 books). These books are arranged by content such as:

- ◆ Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- ◆ History: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ester
- ◆ Poetry: Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- ◆ Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- ◆ Additional History: Acts
- ◆ General Epistles (letters): Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Revelation

Some of our “new” books are:

- ◆ *Many a Moon* by Carol Jean Zywicka—a book of illustrated poems.
- ◆ *Book Smart* by Jane Mallison—a collection of recommended readings by various authors.
- ◆ *My Old Man and The Sea* by David Hays & Daniel Hays—a father and son courageously voyage around the tip of South America challenging the elements, their sailing prowess, and their capacity to get along.
- ◆ *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo—a New York Times best seller of over 6 million books tells the Japanese art of decluttering and organizing.
- ◆ Three books of fiction by Wanda E. Brunstetter: *Betsy’s Return*, *Lydia’s Charm*, and *The Hope Chest*.
- ◆ *The First Lady* by James Patterson—a demand of \$100 million is requested for the return of the First Lady, who disappeared riding horseback.

Above is just a sample of the over 100 books donated to the church library.

Come and check us out!

-Doris Anguish, WPPC Librarian



NEWS FROM OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Sonia and Steve Dettweiler are looking forward to returning to Jos, Nigeria to continue their work of Biblical translation. Nigeria has been their home for 27 years. Steve will be working with his Nigerian colleagues in the work of Biblical translation and Sonia will be the office manager for these broad translation efforts.



AIR (Alliance for International Reforestation) has responded to several emergencies in Guatemala related to the COVID pandemic. They delivered food to 180 families until vegetable gardens could be harvested. They provided cell phones or computers for their scholarship students who needed them to continue their education remotely. They established a project in Nicaragua with the help of a former scholarship student, Lisbet. She organized a group of volunteers, recruited an agro-forestry expert, and worked with the community of 50 families to create vegetable gardens and plant 125 trees. A TECH expert from *AIR Guatemala* helped them create a tree nursery to become a community micro business. More information can be found by going to their website at <https://www.airguatemala.org/>.



This Child Here is continuing its foster parent program to enable children to live in a family context rather than large impersonal orphanages. More information can be found here <https://www.thischildhere.org/>.

Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)



Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

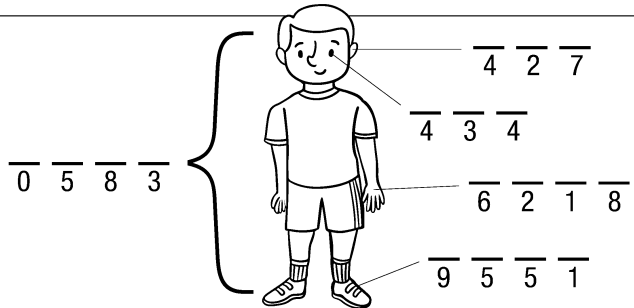
PROVERBS 23:4



WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the $\frac{\quad}{20}$ should say, "Because I am not a $\frac{\quad}{17}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," ... And if the $\frac{\quad}{13}$ should say, "Because I am not an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, I do not belong to the $\frac{\quad}{16}$," it would not for that reason stop being part of the $\frac{\quad}{16}$. If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{11}$, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole $\frac{\quad}{16}$ were an $\frac{\quad}{13}$, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one $\frac{\quad}{16}$.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4

Answer: body = 16, eye = 16, ear = 11, hand = 13, foot = 20

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE JOE & SARAH GALLOWAY FOUNDATION

The children and staff at Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool would like to say a BIG thank you to the Joe & Sarah Galloway Foundation for their financial contribution towards our beautiful new toddler playground canopy.



Our toddler playground was left without any shade when two large oak trees in this area needed to be removed. The new canopy is providing much needed shade for the infant, toddler, and two-year old classes that play in this area throughout the day.

We are very thankful to the Trustees of the Joe & Sarah Galloway Foundation for their continued support of our very special preschool.

NOT IN OUR CLASSROOM? WE'RE OUTDOORS!

This school year we have been using our outdoor spaces to their fullest. Classes are often seen playing games on the fenced front lawn. Having a campus surrounded by nature allows us to take frequent walks to observe what is happening in our environment.

Our Nature Center and large garden boxes are the sites of a lot of digging, planting and watering. Art and science experiences are frequently moved outdoors where the children are surrounded by plants that attract butterflies.

The playground is also treated as an active learning center where children learn language, math, and social skills while engaging in gross motor activities such as running, climbing, swinging, and sliding.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for currently enrolled families with children ages one year through VPK classes for the 2021/2022 school year begins January 19th. Registration opens to the public on February 1st. Our regular school day runs from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with early drop off and extended day available. You may register by downloading and filling out the registration form posted on our website page under the *Forms* tab, and sending it in with the registration fee.

Please contact us at 407-629-0727 for more information about our programs or submit a request online at winppc.org/preschool.

SPRING AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

After school enrichments for spring begin January 25th. Enrichment teachers for this semester are a mix of preschool staff that will teach Music & Movement, Spanish, Art, Science, Cooking and Nature, with outside vendors teaching Soccer, Mixed Sports, Gymnastics, and Ballet. The 12-week enrichments will be scheduled during extended day hours starting in January and ending in April. Sign up by downloading and filling out the registration form posted on our website page under *Forms*.



Children in an after school art/nature enrichment class spent time drawing on the Church grounds.




Students in the WPPP Kittens class make important scientific observations.




Students in the WPPP Kittens spend time outdoors whenever the weather permits.



A lot of learning takes place on our playground!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> Tom Russell David Yost	<u>2</u> John Gehrig Claudia Hafich Barbara Oldford Carole Reece Audrey Santiago
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Nancy Johnson	<u>6</u> Lucienne Lee	<u>7</u> John Bartholomew	<u>8</u> Eleanor McKechnie	<u>9</u> Jo Davidson Johnnie McCarter Jay Van Hook Joe Workman
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> Dennis Schmalstig	<u>18</u> Debbie Workman	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Meg Baldwin	<u>21</u> Lindsay Blood	<u>22</u> Matthew Walker	<u>23</u> Harleen Anderson
<u>24</u> Jean McGuire	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Andy Anderson Drew Byrne Patricia Kiester	<u>27</u> Austin Bartholomew	<u>28</u> Alyssa Kittinger Flo Tuck	<u>29</u> Barbara McKnight	<u>30</u> Chris Galante
<u>31</u>						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> Eileen Silvers	<u>2</u> Peighton Mahoney	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Beth Danley Ivan Smith	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Cathy House Jayne Watkins	<u>8</u> Betty Gow Jim McKinney Jeanne Vinci	<u>9</u> Jan Hall Mike Yost	<u>10</u> Sara Van Arsdel	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Mark Beaty Ben Blood
<u>14</u> Gregory Hornbeck Sally Naylor	<u>15</u> Aidan Smith Jack Watkins	<u>16</u> Ed Matrick Judy Schmalstig	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> Jyme Smith	<u>20</u> Lenore Dillard Jane Munns
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Christopher Baldwin	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> Barbara Edwards Craig Uttley						
<u>29</u> Denise Riccio						



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2023

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 Jim McKinney
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 Curtis Koon
 Sara Van Arsdel
 Jeanne Vinci

2022

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 Jane Munns
 Rachel Myers
 Christine Rich
 Dennis Schmalstig
 Meg Ball Thomas

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